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SUBJ: NAM MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ELECTS OFFICERS

1. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (PC) FOR THE BELGRADE NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING ENDED ITS WORK JULY 24 IN RECORD TIME. LAST ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE THE SELECTION OF OFFICERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINISTERS ON ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

2. YUGOSLAVIA AS HOST WILL BE PRESIDENT. SRI LANKA WILL HAVE STATUS EX OFFICIO. THERE ARE TEN VICE-PRESIDENTS: TUNISIA, GHANA, SWAZILAND, TANZANIA, IRAQ, PLO, MALAYSIA, CUBA, PANAMA AND CYPRUS. INDIA WILL CHAIR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, GUYANA THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, AND CAMEROON WILL BE RAPORTEUR.

3. RECOMMENDED TO THE MINISTERS FOR ACCEPTANCE AS GUESTS OF THE CONFERENCE WERE THE UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA, THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF UNCTAD, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO, AND PAKISTAN. NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED TO PAKISTAN ALTHOUGH TWO STATES INDICATED THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO OBSERVE NAM PRINCIPLES.

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4. IN ITS JULY 24 MEETING, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE PASSED ON WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTERS THE APPLICATION OF BOLIVIA, WHICH HAD EARLIER REQUESTED THAT ITS APPLICATION BE WITHDRAWN BUT RESUBMITTED IT, AND SAN MARINO, WHICH HAD SUBMITTED ITS APPLICATION LATE. COSTA RICA WAS EARLIER DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION DUE TO LACK OF FORMAL APPLICATION.

5. THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL POINT RAISED IN THE PC (AT BOTH THE JULY 22 AND 24 SESSIONS) WAS THE QUESTION OF THE INCLUSION OF WESTERN SAHARA ON THE AGENDA; MOROCCO OPPOSING ITS INCLUSION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE OAU HAD AT KHARTOUM DECIDED ON THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND ALGERIA INSISTING ON ITS RETENTION. IT WAS DECIDED TO RETAIN THE SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA BUT TO TAKE NOTE OF MOROCCO'S RESERVATION.

6. THE YUGOSLAV PRESS REPORTS (EMBASSY CANNOT YET CONFIRM) THAT THE MALTESE FINALLY SUCCEEDED JULY 24 IN INSERTING IN THE CONFERENCE AGENDA, AS A SEPARATE POINT, THE PROPOSED APPROVAL BY THE CONFERENCE ON THE MALTESE DECISION TO ELIMINATE ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES FROM MALTA BY MARCH 31, 1979.

3. PC CHAIRMAN (SIR LANKAN AMBASSADOR FERNANDO), COMMENTING TO THE PRESS ON THE CONCLUDED WORK ON THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, NOTED THAT A MEASURE OF ITS SUCCESS COULD BE SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHED ITS TASK IN ONLY TWO MEETINGS INSTEAD OF THE FIVE FORESEEN. HE ADDED THAT "WE HAVE REMOVED THE CONCERN WHICH JUST A SHORT TIME AGO EXISTED IN REGARD TO THE UNITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR MOVEMENT. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT OUR UNITY REMAINS INTACT." (COMMENT: FERNANDO'S ASSERTION MAY BE PREMATURE. THE PC DID NOT TACKLE ANY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES EXCEPT FOR SOME PROCEDURAL

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WRANGLING ON SAHARA. A REVISED YUGOSLAV DRAFT DECLARATION WAS DELIVERED TO DELEGATIONS AT THEIR HOTELS THE NIGHT OF JULY 24.)

8. FINALLY, THE STATISTICS. THERE ARE 113 DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE: 85 FULL MEMBERS (THE COMOROS DID NOT SEND A DELEGATION), 20 OBSERVERS, 7 GUESTS, AND BELIZE, WHICH HAS A "SPECIAL STATUS." 74 DELEGATIONS ARE HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND 16 BY "HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS."

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